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26th. June, 1939.

Dear 9NY,

Last year I noted in the R.S.G.B. Bulletin that you were active daily on 56 MC. At the time I was abroad, but this year I am busy both transmitting and receiving on 56, and I am writing to find how conditions are in the U.S.A.

Here in England, propagation has been excellent on a number of days since the last week of May, especially for England/Italy working. On June 1st, harmonics of Italian commercials were being logged here at S.7 in and around 56 MC band, with signals even above 60 MC. I called 'Test' repeatedly, but did not hear any ham activity. However, the postman brought a report from an Italian who logged me at S.9, but unfortunately he was not transmitting. Conditions were again fine the next morning, but later deteriorated. Skip has been very short on 28 MC, and often signals from 30-40 MC are logged at excellent strength in the evenings. They peak around the middle of the morning, fade out and then re-appear at a higher peak from 1700-2000 as a rule. On June 16th, 28 MC stations were audible as close as 300 miles or so, and I logged stations in GM, GI, EI, OZ and D4, but the limit did not seem to reach 56 MC. Next morning picture, code and various a.c. carriers were coming in at tremendous strength up to 45 MC.

On June 23rd an Italian harmonic was logged on 56 MC, and Italian

ham phone was coming in well on the 24th and 25th, but I did not make contact. Conditions were especially good on the 24th. Do any of these dates correspond with good conditions in the States?

The difficulty with Italians is that they all have to work under cover, so it is difficult to arrange skeds. Also it is believed that only two of their 56 MC stations read C.W. The others are confined to phone.

I am very anxious to obtain an envelope sent by the first England-Canada airmail, so I wonder if you would be very kind and return the envelope inside a larger one by ordinary post.

Many thanks;

73, Yours sincerely,

B. W. F. Mainprize

C.S.M.P.